

TITLE 8 DEVELOPMENT CODE

DIVISION 12: GENERAL DEFINITIONS

CHAPTER 12: Definitions beginning with L.

Sections:

812.12005	Labor Camp.
812.12010	Labor Quarters.
812.12015	Lake.
812.12020	Land Clearing.
812.12025	Land Disturbance.
812.12030	Land Project.
812.12035	Land Use.
812.12040	Land Use Application.
812.12050	Land Use Decision.
812.12055	Land Use District.
812.12060	Land Use Intensity.
812.12065	Land Use Types.
812.12070	Landslides.
812.12080	Leaching.
812.12085	Lead Agency, Mining and Reclamation.
812.12088	Legal Access.
812.12089	Lighting, Outdoor
812.12090	Liquefaction.
812.12095	Loading Space.
812.12100	Local Agency.
812.12105	Local Ordinance.
812.12110	Locational Standards.
812.12115	Lot.
812.12120	Lot Area.
812.12125	Lot, Corner.
812.12130	Lot Coverage.
812.12135	Lot Depth.
812.12140	Lot Dimension Ratio.
812.12145	Lot, Frontage.
812.12150	Lot, Interior.
812.12155	Lot, Key.
812.12160	Lot Width.
812.12165	Lot Line Adjustment.
812.12170	Lot Line, Front.
812.12175	Lot Line, Rear.
812.12180	Lot Line, Side.
812.12185	Lot Merger.
812.12190	Lot, Mobilehome Park.
812.12195	Lot, Reversed Corner.
812.12200	Lot, Through.

812.12005 Labor Camp

"Labor Camp": Premises used for residential purposes for temporary or seasonal periods by five (5) or more persons employed to perform agricultural or industrial labor.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12010 Labor Quarters

"Labor Quarters": Residential occupancy of single or multiple dwelling units with individual, shared or no kitchen facilities which provides housing for the employees and their families of agricultural, mining, logging, construction, or other remote land uses.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12015 Lake

"Lake": A naturally occurring or artificially created body of water (impounded above or below surface level) with a surface coverage of at least, one acre and a depth of one foot or more (one acre/foot).

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12020 Land Clearing

"Land Clearing": Removal of vegetation down to duff or bare soil, by any method.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12025 Land Disturbance

"Land Disturbance": Clearing, excavating, grading or other manipulation of the terrain.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12030 Land Project

"Land Project": A subdivision or subdivided lands within California which satisfy all of the following conditions:

(a) The subdivision or subdivided lands contain fifty (50) or more parcels or lots of which any fifty (50) are both:

(1) Not improved with residential, industrial, commercial, or institutional building; and

(2) Offered for sale, lease, or financing for purposes other than industrial, commercial, institutional, or commercial agricultural uses.

(b) The subdivision or subdivided lands are located in an area in which fewer than one thousand five hundred (1,500) registered voters reside within the subdivision or within two (2) miles of the boundaries to the property described in the final public report.

(c) Not constituting a community apartment project as defined in Section 11004 or a stock cooperative as defined in Section 11003.2 of the California Business and Professions Code, or a project consisting of condominiums as defined in Section 783 of the California Civil Code.

For purposes of Subsection 812.12030(a) above, lands owned or beneficially controlled by substantially the same entities or interests shall be deemed to be part of the subdivided lands or subdivision.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989); Amended Ordinance 3374 (1990)

812.12035 Land Use

"Land Use": The manner in which land is developed and used. The general categories of land use include: residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, agricultural, recreational, and planned development.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12040 Land Use Application

"Land Use Application": An applicant initiated request for County approval of a discretionary permit that is subject to one of the review processes specified by the County Code in Division 3. Ministerial permit actions such as building permits and mobilehome setdown permits are not land use applications.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12050 Land Use Decision

"Land Use Decision": Any decision to approve, deny or modify a request to develop, divide or otherwise utilize land or to alter or establish land use regulations.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989); Amended Ordinance 3612 (1995)

812.12055 Land Use District

"Land Use District": A land use regulatory district adopted in accordance with the provisions of Division 4 of the Development Code and the County General Plan, establishing all necessary rules and regulations necessary to guide development within the area affected by the district.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12060 Land Use Intensity

"Land Use Intensity": The density of development versus open space of an area or property. For example, a Multiple-Dwelling land use is a higher land use intensity than Single-Dwelling land use.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12065 Land Use Types

"Land Use Types": A list of land use activities which are grouped together by their common performance characteristics.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12070 Landslides

"Landslides": The perceptible downward sliding of a mass of earth and/or rock.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12080 Leaching

"Leaching": The washing or draining of dissolved minerals or pollutants from the soil surface to the subsurface.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12085 Lead Agency, Mining and Reclamation

"Mining and Reclamation, Lead Agency": For the purposes of mining and reclamation, a city or county which has the principal responsibility for approving a surface mining operation, pursuant to the California Public Resources Code.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12088 Legal Access

"Legal Access": Legal access is defined as (1) a dedicated right-of-way or (2) a dedication to the County of San Bernardino and to the public in general, an easement for public road, County highway and public utility purposes of a width as established by the Circulation Element of the County General Plan. The easement or road constructed thereon shall not become a County highway until and unless the Board of Supervisors by appropriate resolution, has caused said road to be accepted into the County Maintained Road System or (3) an existing travelled way, that is substantially in compliance with County road standards, where a prescriptive right by the user has been established for public use by court decree. These provisions shall apply to divisions of land resulting in lots of less than twenty (20) acres.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12089 Lighting, Outdoor.

"Outdoor Lighting": The following outdoor lighting related terms are defined as follows:

(a) "Architectural Lighting": Lighting which is either directed towards a residence with the intent of highlighting an architectural feature or a light fixture which is architecturally ornamental in nature or purpose.

(b) "Attached Lighting": A light fixture that is attached to a building.

(c) "Fixture": The assembly that holds the lamp and may include an assembly housing, a mounting bracket or pole socket, lamp holder, ballast, a reflector or mirror and a refractor or lens.

(d) "Freestanding Lighting": A light fixture which is not attached to a building.

(e) "Fully Shielded Fixture": Outdoor lighting fixture shielded or constructed so that no light is emitted above the horizontal plane, and light rays are only emitted by the installed fixtures in such a manner that do not direct light or light trespass onto adjacent property, on any other property within the line of sight (direct or reflected) of the light source, or to any member of the public who may be traveling on adjacent roadways or rights-of-way.

(f) "Glare": Direct and unshielded light striking the eye to result in annoyance, discomfort or reduced visual performance to a reasonable person under the circumstances.

(g) "Holiday Lighting": Seasonal displays of 60 days or less within one calendar year, using multiple low wattage bulbs (approximately 15 lumens or less) provided they do not constitute a fire hazard, create a nuisance, and are maintained in a safe condition.

(h) "Lamp": The generic term for an artificial light source installed in the socket portion of the fixture, to be distinguished from the whole assembly. Commonly referred to as a "bulb".

(i) "Light Pollution": Artificial light generated and emitted into the night sky.

(j) "Light Trespass": Light from any outdoor lighting onto neighboring property or property that is within a direct line from the light source that interferes with viewing of night sky, eliminates the ability to have darkness on the such property or shines on any area on these properties or structures. Any determination of light trespass shall be made through a quantitative measurement utilizing a standard yard stick (3 ft x 1 1/2 in.). The yard stick shall be placed at the building setback line in the complainant's yard. The yard stick shall be in contact with the ground or may be raised to window level of the dwelling and in a vertical position. The person taking the measurement shall then determine if a shadow is cast by the light source. The light source, yard stick, and shadow must be in alignment. Measurements shall not be taken when there is a moon in the night sky.

(k) "Night Sky": A clear sky, between dusk and dawn, with visible stars, despite necessary or desired illumination of private and public property.

(l) "Partially Shielded Fixture": A fixture employing a top shield to reduce upward light, but otherwise does not shield the lamp from view.

(m) (m) "Pedestrian Lighting": Freestanding lighting fixtures not exceeding a height of thirty-six (36) inches from ground grade level.

Ordinance 3821 (2001); Amended Ordinance 3900 (2003)

812.12090 Liquefaction

"Liquefaction": A temporary fluid condition in water-saturated, loose, sandy soil caused by shock, such as an earthquake. It can cause serious soil settlement, slumping or failure of structure foundations.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12095 Loading Space

"Loading Space": An off-street space or berth on the same lot with a building or contiguous to a group of buildings for the temporary parking of a commercial vehicle while loading or unloading merchandise or materials, which abuts upon a street, alley or other appropriate means of access.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12100 Local Agency

"Local Agency": The County of San Bernardino.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12105 Local Ordinance

"Local Ordinance": A local ordinance which implements State Planning, Zoning, and Development Laws, enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12110 Locational Standards

"Locational Standards": Criteria utilized to establish the circumstances under which a particular base district would be appropriate or desirable for a given area or site.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12115 Lot

"Lot": An area shown on and created by a final map, official map or parcel map recorded with the County Recorder.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12120 Lot Area

"Lot Area": The total horizontal area included within the perimeter of a described area.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12125 Lot, Corner

"Corner Lot": A lot situated at the intersection of two or more streets, or bounded on two or more adjacent sides by street lines, provided that the angle of intersection does not exceed one hundred thirty-five (135) degrees.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12130 Lot Coverage

"Lot Coverage": The percentage of a lot that has been altered to create a surface area that is either impervious or is covered by a structure. "Building coverage" shall mean the percentage of lot surface area occupied by any building, but does not include roadways, swimming pools, tennis courts or solar collection devices which are on top of, enclosed, or covered by a building.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12135 Lot Depth

"Lot Depth": The horizontal distance between the front and rear lot lines measures in the mean direction of the side lot lines.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12140 Lot Dimension Ratio

"Lot Dimension Ratio": A land area ratio of width to depth which determines the shape of a lot.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12145 Lot, Frontage

"Frontage Lot": The dimension of a lot or portion of a lot which abuts a street or an approved road easement, except the side of a corner lot.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12150 Lot, Interior

"Interior Lot": A lot other than a corner lot. See Diagram Section 812.27005

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12155 Lot, Key

"Key Lot": The first interior lot to the rear of a reversed corner lot, the front line of which is a continuation of the side line of the reversed corner lot, exclusive of the width of an alley, and fronting on the street which intersects or intercepts the street upon which the corner lot fronts. See Diagram Section 812.27005

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12160 Lot Width

"Lot Width": The following methods which yields the smallest dimension shall be chosen to measure lot width.

(1) The distance measured at the building setback line (BSL) along a line or arc which is parallel to and concentric to the right-of-way; or (2) The average horizontal distance between the side lot lines measured at right angles to the lot depth.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12165 Lot Line Adjustment

"Lot Line Adjustment": The adjustment of a lot line between two (2) or more adjacent parcels, where the land taken from one (1) parcel is added to an adjacent parcel, and where no additional parcels are thereby created or the number of parcels reduced.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12170 Lot Line, Front

"Front Lot Line": In the case of an interior lot, a line separating the lot from the street; and in the case of a corner lot, a line separating the narrowest street frontage of the lot from the street, except in those cases where the latest tract deed restrictions or the recorded map specify another line as the front lot line. In the case of a corner lot where precise dimensions are not readily available and the lot appears to be substantially equal in street frontage or if the known dimensions of the lot lines are within 10% of one another, the reviewing authority shall have the discretion to determine the front lot line.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989); Amended Ordinance 3565 (1993)

812.12175 Lot Line, Rear

"Rear Lot Line": A line which is opposite and most distant from the front lot line, and in the case of a triangular or other irregularly shaped lot, a line within the lot ten (10) feet in length, parallel to and at the maximum distance from the front lot line.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12180 Lot Line, Side

"Side Lot Line": Any lot line other than the front or rear lot lines.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12185 Lot Merger.

"Lot Merger": A process by which contiguous lots are merged into one land holding. In order to be merged, such lots must be held by the same owner and the lots must have a common lot line. This process is subject to all of the requirements of the County Code and may be initiated by either the owner(s) of the lots or the County.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12190 Lot, Mobilehome Park

"Mobilehome Park Lot": A portion of a mobilehome park designated or used for the occupancy of one (1) trailer coach or camping party.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12195 Lot, Reversed Corner

"Reversed Corner Lot": A corner lot which rears upon the side of another lot, whether or not across an alley. See Diagram Section 812.27005

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

812.12200 Lot, Through

"Through Lot": A lot having frontage on two parallel or approximately parallel streets.

DIAGRAM: LOT AND YARD DEFINITIONS

